



# **FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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## **Update: Progress Continues on the Beebe Bridge Fire**

CAMP MURRAY – Firefighters continue to make progress battling the Beebe Bridge Fire. Containment of the fire remains at 70% and firefighters hope to reach full containment later this evening. The fire is burning four miles east of Chelan in Douglas County.

The Level II voluntary evacuation was lifted last evening, and the road closure of McNeil Creek Road has been canceled. The temporary flight restriction that had been in effect is expected to be lifted by noon today. Firefighters expect the threat level to decrease today on 25 residences and 10 outbuildings.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal offers these tips on how to prepare your home for the fire season:

- Remove dead or overhanging branches. During the windy conditions that exist during a wildland fire, flames and sparks could travel from trees to the roof of your home.
- Remove leaf accumulation from your yard. Leaf accumulation provides fuel for a wildland fire.
- Remove leaf clutter from your roof and gutters. During a wildland fire, leaves on the roof and/or in the gutters could be ignited by flying embers.
- Remove tall, dry grasses. Tall, dry grasses provide a path for fire that can lead directly to a house.
- Prune tree limbs so the lowest is between six and ten feet from the ground. Fire burning through tall, dry grass could ignite these limbs and climb to the top of the tree.
- Check your generator to be sure it is in good repair. Refuel garden equipment carefully, away from dry, flammable grasses.
- Prune bushes and shrubs regularly. Remove excess growth as well as dead leaves and branches to decrease their flammability.
- Have a well-irrigated and clear area which encircles the structure for at least 30 feet on all sides, providing space for fire suppression equipment in the event of an emergency.

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